

#### Department of Health

#### Dear Heath Care Professional:

If a Virginia WIC participant in your care has a diagnosed medical condition that severely impairs ingestion, digestion, absorption, or utilization of nutrients to a degree that adversely affects their nutrition status and/or the use of conventional foods is precluded, restricted, or inadequate to address their specific nutritional needs, specialized medical formulas can be requested using the Virginia WIC Request for Special Prescription form, frequently called the WIC-395 form.

It is very important that the WIC-395 form be fully completed and contain as much detail related to relevant diagnoses as possible to avoid delays in participants receiving the requested formula(s). In addition, it is important that requests are submitted on the page of the form that is specific to the participant category- infant, child, or woman. All requests are subject to WIC approval and to ensure compliance with federal regulations and Virginia WIC policy, additional clarification or documentation may be required before WIC staff are able to complete the approval process. Denial of a request does not imply that WIC staff question the healthcare provider's clinical judgment.

# To assist with the completion process and to minimize approval delays or denials, please take note of the following important details-

- Virginia WIC provides the following contract infant formulas- Similac Advance, Similac Soy Isomil, Similac Sensitive, and Similac Total Comfort. Non-contract brand formulas, such as Enfamil, Good Start, and store brands, cannot be provided.
- WIC-395 forms must be fully complete. Forms missing information cannot be approved and will require resubmission.
- The following are examples of non-qualifying conditions that will NOT be approved-colic, eczema, constipation, diarrhea, gas, fussiness, weight loss, slow or poor weight gain, non-specific feeding difficulties, spitting-up, vomiting, non-specific formula intolerances or allergies, picky eating, enhancing nutrient intake or managing body weight without a documented underlying medical condition, food intolerances or allergies that can be managed with regular foods, and preference.
- The medical diagnosis provided must be consistent with the requested formula. For example- prematurity would not be accepted for a hypoallergenic formula but would be appropriate to include for cases where increased caloric concentration is needed.
- Listing multiple comparable products on the Products Requested line is encouraged. This allows issuance flexibility in situations where there are inventory concerns. For example- NeoSure/EnfaCare or Neocate Jr./EquaCare Jr./Alfamino Jr.
- Ready-to-feed (RTF) formula cannot be issued for reasons related to tolerance, convenience, or preference.
- WIC is a supplemental program and the formula and food benefits provided are not intended to meet the full nutritional needs of participants. Standard WIC formula amounts for infants are based on age and breastfeeding status and range from approximately 20 to 29 oz/day. For children and women, WIC can issue up to 30 oz/day.
- Formula amounts over the standard WIC amounts are only available for infants and children with qualifying Virginia Medicaid coverage and a qualifying diagnosis. Contract infant formulas cannot be issued in amounts over the standard WIC amount.
- Provision of whole or 2% milk to children over age 2 or to women is only permitted for participants who are also receiving a formula from WIC and have a diagnosis that supports increased nutritional needs.
- Provision of pureed fruits/vegetables after a child's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday is only permitted for participants who are also receiving a formula from WIC.

If you have questions or concerns, please visit the Healthcare Provider page at <a href="https://www.VirginiaWIC.com">www.VirginiaWIC.com</a>, reach out to your local WIC clinic, or contact the Virginia State WIC Office (SWO) at 877-835-5942.

We appreciate your cooperation and partnership in serving the Virginia WIC population.

Full completion of all fields in Sections A-D required at submission. Forms with missing information will not be approved and will require resubmission.

#### **INFANT FORM**

A. Patient Information		
Infant Name:	DOB:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	Telephone:	
<b>Does infant have current Virginia Medicaid Coverage?</b> □ Yes □ No		
B. Formula Information If multiple pro	oducts are needed, they must A	LL be included on a single form.
Formula(s) requested:		
Is Ready-to-Feed (RTF) formula medically requi	red? □ No □ Yes If yes,	please provide justification below:
Amount per day: ☐ Standard WIC amount or	oz/day Calories per ou	ınce: □ Standard dilution orkcal/oz
Length of use- up to 6 months, not to exceed 1 <sup>st</sup> b  ☐ 1 month ☐ 2 months ☐	sirthday: 3 months	s $\Box$ 5 months $\Box$ 6 months
Diagnosis with ICD code:		
Please refer to the first page of this form for	or additional details on allo	owable diagnoses and issuance amounts.
C. Allowable WIC Supplemental Foods		
Beginning at 6 months of age, WIC provides supplease indicate any restrictions required for the one of age for duration of prescription	-	o prescribed formula, to infants.  Remove Infant Cereal Remove Infant Pureed Fruits/Vegetables
D. Health Care Provider Information		
Printed Name:		NPI #:
Clinic Name:	Phone:	Fax:
Signature:		Date:
Federal regulations require this form to be completed and signed by a healthcare provider authorized to write medical prescription under state law.		
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WIC STAFF USE ONLY		WIC Family ID:
Approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Pending  Pending/Denial Details:	OTM Amount Rec	quested?   No Yes Yes, but unable to provide
rending/Demai Details.		
Staff Name:		Staff Position: ☐ RD ☐ Nutritionist ☐ CPPA
Staff Signature:		Approval Date:
WIC staff notes/additional details:		

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### **CHILD FORM**

		CHILD FORM	
A. Patient Information			
Child Name:		DOB:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	Telephone:		
Does child have current Virginia Medicaid Coverage? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
B. Formula Information	If multiple products are needed, the	y must ALL be included on a single form.	
Formula(s) requested:			
Amount per day: oz/day	Calor	ies per ounce: ☐ Standard dilution orkcal/oz	
<b>Length of use:</b> □ 1 month	$\square$ 2 months $\square$ 3 months	$\square$ 4 months $\square$ 5 months $\square$ 6 months	
Diagnosis with ICD code:			
Please refer to the first page of this form for additional details on allowable diagnoses and issuance amounts.			
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C. Allowable WIC Suppleme			
☐ No restrictions, issue all WIC fo	oods in addition to formula $\Box$	Provide formula only, remove ALL other WIC foods	
☐ Remove the following WIC foo			
☐ Milk/Yogurt/Cheese		Cereal Beans/Legumes	
☐ Whole Grains		Fruits/Vegetables   Peanut Butter	
☐ Provide the following modificat ☐ Pureed fruits/vegetables instead			
Pureed fruits/vegetables instear regular fruits and vegetables	milk (age 2 and o		
D. Health Care Provider Information			
Printed Name:		NPI #:	
Clinic Name:	Phone:	Fax:	
Signature:		Date:	
Federal regulations require this form be completed and signed by a healthcare provider authorized to write medical prescription under state law.			
WIC STAFF USE ONLY		WIC Family ID:	
<b>Approved?</b> □ Yes □ No □ Pending	OTM A	Amount Requested?   No Yes Yes, but unable to provide	
Pending/Denial Details:			
Staff Name:		Staff Position: ☐ RD ☐ Nutritionist ☐ CPPA	
Staff Signature:		Approval Date:	
WIC staff notes/additional details:			

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## **WOMAN FORM**

A. Patient Information			
Name:	DOB:		
Estimated Due Date or End Date of Most Recent Pregnancy:			
<b>B. Formula Information</b> If multiple prod	ucts are needed, they must ALL be included on a single form.		
Formula(s) requested:			
Amount per day: oz/day	Calories per ounce:   Standard dilution orkcal/oz		
<b>Length of use:</b> □ 1 month □ 2 months	$\square$ 3 months $\square$ 4 months $\square$ 5 months $\square$ 6 months		
Diagnosis with ICD code:			
Please refer to the first page of this form for additional details on allowable diagnoses and issuance amounts.			
C. Allowable WIC Supplemental Foods			
☐ No restrictions, issue all WIC foods in addition	to formula		
☐ Remove the following WIC foods:			
☐ Milk/Yogurt/Cheese ☐ 100% Juice	☐ Cereal ☐ Beans/Legumes		
☐ Whole Grains ☐ Eggs	☐ Fruits/Vegetables ☐ Peanut Butter		
☐ Canned Fish (available to women who are pregn			
☐ Provide the following modifications in addition	-		
5	☐ Whole milk instead of ☐ 2% milk instead of		
regular fruits/vegetables	1% and skim milk 1% and skim milk		
E. Health Care Provider Information			
Printed Name:	NPI #:		
Clinic Name:	Phone: Fax:		
Signature:	Date:		
Federal regulations require this form be completed and signed by a healthcare provider authorized to write medical prescription under state law.			
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WIC STAFF USE ONLY	WIC Family ID:		
Approved? □ Yes □ No □ Pending       Pending/Denial Details:			
Staff Name:	<b>Staff Position:</b> □ RD □ Nutritionist □ CPPA		
Staff Signature:	Approval Date:		
WIC staff notes/additional details:			